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IN

CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS

SECTION 203 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974

**RESPONSE TO ADJUSTMENT ACTION PROPOSALS ON BEHALF OF
THE SOUTH AFRICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE (SAISI)**

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In response to questions raised by the TPSC, the South African Iron and Steel Institute (SAISI) submits the following:

Summary

According to calculations made using data from the ITC DataWeb, South Africa accounts for less than 3% of US imports for each of the 16 remaining product categories. Furthermore, all developing countries with imports under 3% account for less than 9% of all imports of each product in all but a few categories.¹ For these products, South Africa is entitled to the developing country exemption established by Art. 9.1 of the WTO Safeguards Agreement. In order to avoid the commercial uncertainty of this exemption, however, South Africa is willing to forego its rights under the WTO Agreement in exchange for a negotiated quota of 1% of US consumption of each product for which a quantitative safeguard remedy is imposed and immediate termination of all antidumping and countervailing investigations and duties, and suspension agreements against steel products from South Africa.

Import Volume Data

The charts attached at Exhibit 1 use import volume data from the ITC DataWeb (in short tons) to show the import percentages of South Africa and other WTO Member Developing Countries with import percentages under 3% for each of the 16 product categories identified by the ITC at 66 Fed. Reg. 67,304 (Dec. 28, 2001) for both 2000, the last full year for which data is available, and for the period from 1996-2000. The charts also use this data to calculate the total share of developing countries with import shares under 3%. Exhibit 2 makes the same

¹ Please note that some of the import data results in this submission differ from those provided in our submission to the TPSC of Jan. 4, 2002. This is due to a revised methodology based on conversations with USTR. The methodology is explained in this submission.

calculations for a single like product category of all flat products except for slab. Exhibit 3 is a chart based on the calculations of Exhibit 1 detailing South Africa's percentages of imports of the 16 product categories from WTO Member Developing Countries for the period 1996-2000 and for the full year 2000.

Developing Country Identification

Exhibit 4 identifies those countries that are both members of the WTO (thus eligible for the Art. 9.1 exemption) and also currently considered by USTR to be developing countries (taken from the list of countries eligible for the US GSP program). The WTO member list is attached as Exhibit 5. The USTR list of GSP countries is attached as Exhibit 6.

Developing Country Exemption

South Africa's imports of the 16 product categories into the United States are consistently below 3%. In all but the few categories in which the cumulated imports of developing country Members below 3% exceed 9% of total imports into the US, South Africa is entitled to an exemption pursuant to the United States' WTO obligations, as explained in our submission to the TPSC dated January 4, 2002. This current submission provides the numerical data supporting this assertion.

The data demonstrate that South African imports account for less than 3% of all imports of each of the 16 products identified by the ITC whether the 2000 data or the 1996-2000 data is used. Furthermore, all developing countries with imports under 3% account for less than 9% of all imports of each product except for hot-rolled sheet and strip, cold-rolled sheet and strip other

than GOES (using 1996-2000 data, but not 2000 data) and corrosion-resistant (using 1996-2000 data, but not 2000 data).

When all flat products except slab are considered as one product category (a treatment contradicted by the Commission's determination and inconsistent with the WTO), South African imports account for less than 3% of total imports whether the 2000 data or the 1996-2000 data is used. All WTO Member Developing Countries with imports under 3% account for a cumulated 9.58% of imports if the 1996-2000 data is used, and 16.90% if the 2000 data is used.

Base Period for Remedy

Any safeguard remedy and exemption from it should be based on year 2000 data, the most recent representative period for which full data is available.

Product Categories

Any safeguard remedy and exemption from it should be applied to the categories of products identified as the decision of the Commission at Footnote 1 of the Notice on Steel; Import Investigations TA-201-73 at 66 Fed. Reg. 67,304 (Dec. 28, 2001).

Duration of Art. 9.1 Exemption

For those products for which South Africa is entitled to a developing country exemption under Art. 9.1 of the WTO Safeguards Agreement, the exemption should last as long as South Africa remains under 3% of total U.S. imports and under 1% of total U.S. consumption.

The continuation of the exceptions for South Africa should not be based on the actions of exporters in other countries – the "1% of consumption" quota ensures that the duration of the

safeguard reflects South African exporters' actions, rather than an import surge which greatly increases the tonnage within the "3% of import" level absent a corresponding rise in U.S. consumption. Furthermore, as explained in our submission of Jan. 4, 2002, the quota South Africa is seeking on most products is actually below 1% of U.S. consumption.

Any change to the exception should coincide with a review of the entire safeguard measure, which, according to Art. 7.4 of the WTO Safeguards Agreement, must be conducted not later than the mid-term of the measure if the duration of the measure exceeds three years. Any review should be based on the most recent full year of data available, and give shippers time to adjust to any changes.

Conclusion

South Africa has undergone a painful but successful process of rationalization and consolidation and now has some of the most efficient mills in the world. A recent study ranked South African plants in the top 25% in the world in terms of cost. (See World Steel Dynamics, 2001 Flat Products World Cost Curve, 2001, which listed South Africa's flat mills, Saldanha Bay/Duferco, Saldanha Bay/Saldanha Steel, Vanderbijl/Iscor, and Witbank/Highveld as numbers 41, 44, 49, and 70 respectively out of a total world plant population of 303.)

The commercial uncertainty inherent in the duration of the Art. 9.1 exemption leads South Africa to propose a more stable overall negotiated solution. South Africa would be willing to forego its rights under Art. 9.1 of the Safeguards Agreement in exchange for a quota of 1% of US consumption of each carbon and alloy product for which a quantitative safeguard remedy is imposed and immediate termination of all antidumping and countervailing investigations and duties, and suspension agreements against steel products from South Africa.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT 1

**IMPORT DATA FROM WTO MEMBER DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES
(IN SHORT TONS)
16 PRODUCT CATEGORIES**

SLAB

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total imports 1996-20000	% of total imports 2000
Total US imports	6,297,405	5,416,372	5,351,647	7,368,076	7,259,814	31,693,314		
Brazil	1,878,767	1,886,663	1,648,880	2,815,247	2,645,051	10,874,608	34.31%	36.43%
Venezuela	221,231	100,420	57,993	8,957	172,827	561,428	1.77%	2.38%
Argentina	0	3,452	1,158	103,571	0	108,181	0.34%	0.00%
Latvia	0	0	24,096	0	0	24,096	0.08%	0.00%
Turkey	0	2,385	0	0	0	2,385	0.01%	0.00%
Poland	58	0	16,605	22,184	0	38,847	0.12%	0.00%
Lithuania	1,917	0	0	0	0	1,917	0.01%	0.00%
South Africa	0	3,923	84,183	0	33,483	121,589	0.38%	0.46%
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					206,310	858,443		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					2.84%	2.71%		

PLATE

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total 1996- 2000	% of total 2000
Total US imports	1,937,357	1,377,884	2,113,920	894,981	950,768	7,274,910		
Czech Republic	50,748	81,765	54,000	32,191	50,837	269,541	3.71%	5.35%
Thailand	0	222	16,208	16,387	44,717	77,534	1.07%	4.70%
Brazil	18,795	25,115	60,735	41,052	24,935	170,632	2.35%	2.62%
Bulgaria	42	27,401	24,020	9,031	16,642	77,136	1.06%	1.75%
Hungary	2,427	3,621	6,094	4,973	4,089	21,204	0.29%	0.43%
Venezuela	1,455	0	0	302	3,681	5,438	0.07%	0.39%
India	36,847	129,919	137,727	6,464	1,673	312,630	4.30%	0.18%
Slovakia	1,579	3,326	2,830	2,074	1,669	11,478	0.16%	0.18%
Romania	3,883	2,945	19,706	6,465	1,576	34,575	0.48%	0.17%
Poland	0	4,312	643	71	1,124	6,150	0.08%	0.12%
Argentina	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.00%	0.00%
Peru	0	27	0	0	0	27	0.00%	0.00%
Turkey	0	19	110	467	0	596	0.01%	0.00%
Latvia	0	4,109	0	0	0	4,109	0.06%	0.00%
Indonesia	13,667	59,852	165,479	39,553	0	278,551	3.83%	0.00%
Chile	0	0	0	59	0	59	0.00%	0.00%
South Africa	81,159	7,411	19,894	9,156	4,028	121,648	1.67%	0.42%
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					59,417	530,588		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					6.25%	7.29%		

HOT-ROLLED SHEET AND STRIP

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total imports 1996-2000	% of total imports 2000
Total US imports	5,265,087	6,517,301	11,497,355	6,518,444	7,459,644	37,257,831		
India	5,287	19,001	101,196	478,439	825,954	1,429,877	3.84%	11.07%
Romania	11,458	71,904	127,253	384,458	410,796	1,005,869	2.70%	5.51%
Indonesia	0	0	31,212	292,605	258,557	582,374	1.56%	3.47%
Thailand	0	0	18,050	38,637	233,762	290,449	0.78%	3.13%
Brazil	244,257	428,836	450,515	49,809	163,461	1,336,878	3.59%	2.19%
Slovakia	22,454	34,925	90,606	75,494	143,663	367,142	0.99%	1.93%
Argentina	2,964	433	367	116,950	118,920	239,634	0.64%	1.59%
Turkey	12,814	39,782	4,612	24,798	49,661	131,667	0.35%	0.67%
Venezuela	99,242	92,907	106,585	131,982	46,126	476,842	1.28%	0.62%
Hungary	16,437	12,222	28,013	31,300	23,133	111,105	0.30%	0.31%
Bulgaria	3,012	15,645	1,290	11,837	6,551	38,335	0.10%	0.09%
Poland	0	2,833	326	0	4,408	7,567	0.02%	0.06%
Lithuania	1,050	1,171	57,249	0	2,600	62,070	0.17%	0.03%
Czech Republic	3,183	2,270	2,262	0	7	7,722	0.02%	0.00%
Philippines	0	0	1,532	0	0	1,532	0.00%	0.00%
Peru	0	0	0	68	0	68	0.00%	0.00%
Krygystan	0	0	25	0	0	25	0.00%	0.00%
Latvia	6,527	35,640	8,236	0	0	50,403	0.14%	0.00%
Dominican Republic	0	38	0	0	0	38	0.00%	0.00%
Egypt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Guatemala	0	0	0	19	0	19	0.00%	0.00%
El Salvador	0	0	0	112	0	112	0.00%	0.00%
South Africa	32,131	33,614	80,423	173,066	167,846	487,080	1.31%	2.25%
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					726,376	3,860,053		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					9.74%	10.36%		

COLD-ROLLED

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total 1996- 2000	% of total 2000
Total US imports	2,591,374	3,581,299	4,045,356	3,376,396	2,763,774	16,358,199		
Argentina	43,908	89,013	93,745	131,769	92,268	450,703	2.76%	3.34%
Brazil	219,607	123,605	217,640	312,061	55,683	928,596	5.68%	2.01%
Turkey	56,972	197,402	159,957	85,996	37,989	538,316	3.29%	1.37%
Chile	4,218	14,259	33,571	33,482	33,400	118,930	0.73%	1.21%
Poland	4,776	42,947	230	9,056	23,919	80,928	0.49%	0.87%
India	2	75	7	150	18,957	19,191	0.12%	0.69%
Thailand	2	0	74,045	73,475	9,740	157,262	0.96%	0.35%
Venezuela	14,116	41,575	82,150	58,495	9,566	205,902	1.26%	0.35%
Indonesia	18,159	20,401	95,350	19,891	4,187	157,988	0.97%	0.15%
Bulgaria	7,192	8,174	428	0	3,539	19,333	0.12%	0.13%
Hungary	4,135	1,805	0	0	3,354	9,294	0.06%	0.12%
Czech Republic	4,829	5,518	251	3,075	2,330	16,003	0.10%	0.08%
Romania	0	0	0	0	562	562	0.00%	0.02%
Slovakia	57,753	129,547	66,325	45,296	346	299,267	1.83%	0.01%
Haiti	0	0	0	0	10	10	0.00%	0.00%
Lithuania	0	389	5,681	4,152		10,222	0.06%	0.00%
Trin&Tob	0	840	0	0	0	840	0.01%	0.00%
Philippines	0	9,254	11,162	3,427	0	23,843	0.15%	0.00%
Latvia	0	17,831	5,737	17,939	0	41,507	0.25%	0.00%
El Salvador	0	0	0	196	0	196	0.00%	0.00%
South Africa	84,265	116,433	163,298	85,336	26,417	475,749	2.91%	0.96%
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					229,999	2,087,730		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					8.32%	12.76%		

COATED

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total 1996- 2000	% of total 2000
Total US imports	2,280,307	2,381,043	2,296,228	2,658,569	2,459,329	12,075,476		
Argentina	9,448	12,491	7,685	86,823	81,866	198,313	1.64%	3.33%
India	0	0	1,234	1,542	25,976	28,752	0.24%	1.06%
Brazil	134,652	51,537	36,198	40,919	22,489	285,795	2.37%	0.91%
Indonesia	0	0	12,947	19,551	17,455	49,953	0.41%	0.71%
Venezuela	45,893	57,907	15,379	32,514	16,356	168,049	1.39%	0.67%
Colombia	110	3,113	3,560	6,532	9,927	23,242	0.19%	0.40%
Guatemala	0	39	707	4,007	4,972	9,725	0.08%	0.20%
Tunisia	17,427	22,080	218	7,867	4,598	52,190	0.43%	0.19%
Thailand	0	0	0	697	2,123	2,820	0.02%	0.09%
Costa Rica	0	42	111	0	436	589	0.00%	0.02%
Dominican Republic	12	0	0	0	268	280	0.00%	0.01%
Peru	0	0	0	0	39	39	0.00%	0.00%
Poland	0	541	0	0	0	541	0.00%	0.00%
Antigua	8	0	0	0	0	8	0.00%	0.00%
Latvia	0	16,800	0	0	0	16,800	0.14%	0.00%
Turkey	0	22	57	1,001	0	1,080	0.01%	0.00%
Trin&Tob	0	177	1	0	0	178	0.00%	0.00%
Slovakia	0	3,002	2,753	25	0	5,780	0.05%	0.00%
Philippines	0	0	0	17	0	17	0.00%	0.00%
Chile	0	0	0	33	0	33	0.00%	0.00%
Hungary	86	0	0	0	0	86	0.00%	0.00%
Bulgaria	7,472	14,672	3,522	0	0	25,666	0.21%	0.00%
South Africa	35,166	27,486	45,978	72,602	49,776	231,008	1.91%	2.02%
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					154,415	1,100,944		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					6.28%	9.12%		

TIN MILL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total 1996- 2000	% of total 2000
Total US imports	444,684	438,121	481,611	698,543	580,196	2,643,155		
Brazil	4,987	11,761	10,386	27,222	44,809	99,165	3.75%	7.72%
India	0	0	0	0	1,026	1,026	0.04%	0.18%
Venezuela	828	300	60	1,599	252	3,039	0.11%	0.04%
Dominican Republic	24	0	70	392	72	558	0.02%	0.01%
Argentina	0	0	0	0	23	23	0.00%	0.00%
Tunisia	0	0	0	13	11	24	0.00%	0.00%
Antigua	0	0	7	0	0	7	0.00%	0.00%
Slovakia	0	109	0	0	0	109	0.00%	0.00%
Thailand	0	10	0	0	0	10	0.00%	0.00%
Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
South Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					1,384	4,796		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					0.24%	0.18%		

HOT-ROLLED BAR AND LIGHT SHAPES

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total 1996- 2000	% of total 2000
Total US imports	1,660,123	1,809,301	2,343,347	2,262,323	2,531,409	10,606,503		
Turkey	30,264	48,767	89,842	69,294	149,961	388,128	3.66%	5.92%
Brazil	53,184	32,179	56,036	63,638	74,843	279,880	2.64%	2.96%
Argentina	13,892	23,299	26,177	20,215	48,331	131,914	1.24%	1.91%
Latvia	0	1,787	33,355	48,520	21,759	105,421	0.99%	4.16%
Czech Republic	1,178	1	219	1,212	8,158	10,768	0.10%	0.32%
Poland	2,302	2,636	11,490	3,760	7,001	27,189	0.26%	0.28%
India	8,687	8,362	5,270	5,288	5,727	33,334	0.31%	0.23%
Lithuania	1,624	0	0	0	3,250	4,874	0.05%	0.13%
Indonesia	0	0	0	55	495	550	0.01%	0.02%
Thailand	0	0	0	50	259	309	0.00%	0.01%
Moldova	0	0	5,565	0	225	5,790	0.05%	0.01%
Trin & Tob	7,922	5,869	7,498	2,375	217	23,881	0.23%	0.01%
Colombia	0	0	0	34	82	116	0.00%	0.00%
Guatemala	0	0	0	0	75	75	0.00%	0.00%
Egypt	0	0	21	0	16	37	0.00%	0.00%
El Salvador	0	0	0	0	5	5	0.00%	0.00%
Philippines	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.00%	0.00%
Bahrain	10	0	24	0	0	34	0.00%	0.00%
Dominican Republic	0	12	0	1	0	13	0.00%	0.00%
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Venezuela	108	118	6,593	0	0	6,819	0.06%	0.00%
Peru	0	0	0	28	0	28	0.00%	0.00%
Guyana	0	50	0	0	0	50	0.00%	0.00%
Bulgaria	7	0	0	0	0	7	0.00%	0.00%
Belize	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.00%	0.00%
South Africa	4,437	23	1,496	7,696	27,543	41,195	0.39%	1.09%
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					176,228	672,294		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					6.96%	6.34%		

COLD-FINISHED BAR

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total 1996- 2000	% of total 2000
Total US imports	206,272	238,221	272,972	235,693	314,958	1,268,116		
Colombia	1,372	1,137	3,317	932	1,462	8,220	0.65%	0.46%
Argentina	2,508	666	1,956	1,442	1,425	7,997	0.63%	0.45%
Brazil	3,036	1,122	1,438	562	814	6,972	0.55%	0.26%
Poland	31	236	473	65	160	965	0.08%	0.05%
India	3	115	169	0	100	387	0.03%	0.03%
Egypt	0	280	314	0	10	604	0.03%	0.00%
Czech Republic	26	0	0	804	0	830	0.07%	0.00%
Indonesia	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.00%	0.00%
Venezuela	20	23	0	30	0	73	0.01%	0.00%
Turkey	0	0	3	0	0	3	0.00%	0.00%
Latvia	2,491	2,779	0	0	0	5,270	0.42%	0.00%
Estonia	0	0	556	113	0	669	0.05%	0.00%
South Africa	1,147	2,087	1,650	2,179	2,072	9,135	0.72%	0.66%
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					6,043	41,126		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					1.92%	3.24%		

REBAR

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total 1996- 2000	% of total 2000
Total US Imports	581,731	701,303	1,229,195	18,322,608	1,669,829	22,504,666		
Latvia	0	33,378	104,400	309,049	231,872	678,699	3.02%	13.89%
Moldova	5,501	42,178	198,861	183,803	193,705	624,048	2.77%	11.60%
Turkey	130,931	83,699	8,993	41,969	190,687	456,279	2.03%	11.42%
Poland	0	16,830	53,231	10,681	69,292	150,034	0.67%	4.15%
Venezuela	143,195	68,201	24,266	49,891	31,151	316,704	1.41%	1.87%
Brazil	10,298	5	0	71,168	29,617	111,088	0.49%	1.77%
Thailand	0	0	0	0	15,824	15,824	0.07%	0.95%
Romania	0	4,203	4,792	0	9,862	18,857	0.08%	0.59%
El Salvador	0	0	0	0	1,740	1,740	0.01%	0.10%
Trin & Tob	0	54	0	846	11	911	0.00%	0.00%
Costa Rica	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.00%	0.00%
Czech Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Indonesia	0	0	44,504	69,261	0	113,765	0.51%	0.00%
Dominican Republic	0	234	0	0	0	234	0.00%	0.00%
Egypt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
South Africa	0	0	5,656	23,270	6,122	35,048	0.16%	0.37%
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					94,327	1,844,534		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					5.65%	8.20%		

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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total 1996- 2000	% of total 2000
Total US Imports	1,572,792	1,863,963	2,261,472	2,115,835	2,627,208	10,441,270		
Thailand	85,535	62,328	28,049	48,967	97,669	322,548	3.09%	3.72%
Turkey	29,262	4,102	9,574	18,111	40,013	101,062	0.97%	1.52%
Indonesia	11,314	9,116	21,638	19,979	33,797	95,844	0.92%	1.29%
India	2,714	10,133	13,840	12,327	30,771	69,785	0.67%	0.29%
Romania	5,392	16,370	25,260	12,227	19,153	78,402	0.75%	0.73%
Colombia	0	0	0	11,888	15,801	27,689	0.27%	0.60%
Argentina	1,922	0	0	313	9,920	12,155	0.12%	0.38%
Philippines	2,482	188	4,086	149	8,536	15,441	0.15%	0.32%
Egypt	2,974	5,961	5,486	0	7,609	22,030	0.21%	0.29%
Pakistan	0	174	2,271	2,939	5,496	10,880	0.10%	0.21%
Chile	4,086	5,461	1,163	1,139	5,025	16,874	0.16%	0.19%
Oman	0	0	0	0	4,553	4,553	0.04%	0.17%
Guatemala	0	5,144	6,401	4,792	3,335	19,672	0.19%	0.13%
Croatia	9,685	2,383	5,940	0	2,046	20,054	0.19%	0.08%
Brazil	4,097	1,093	7,262	17,502	1,454	31,408	0.30%	0.06%
Czech Republic	0	6,122	7,396	2,153	1,291	16,962	0.16%	0.05%
Venezuela	0	122	3,332	0	1,069	4,523	0.04%	0.04%
Peru	0	0	552	6,499	1,069	8,120	0.08%	0.04%
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	605	605	0.01%	0.02%
Belize	0	0	0	0	38	38	0.00%	0.00%
Kenya	0	0	0	0	6	6	0.00%	0.00%
Albania	0	0	0	15	0	15	0.00%	0.00%
Ecuador	0	0	0	1,011	0	1,011	0.01%	0.00%
Guyana	0	834	0	0	0	834	0.01%	0.00%
Mauritius	0	0	0	13	0	13	0.00%	0.00%
Hungary	83	0	0	0	0	83	0.00%	0.00%
Cameroon	0	699	0	0	0	699	0.01%	0.00%
South Africa	2,511	5,347	23,622	12,393	36,310	80,183	0.77%	1.38%
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					227,897	638,941		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					8.67%	6.12%		

FLANGES, FITTINGS AND TOOL JOINTS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total 1996- 2000	% of total 2000
Total US imports	103,507	105,313	117,093	117,461	135,399	578,773		
India	22,772	22,803	18,827	19,612	18,095	102,109	17.64%	13.36%
Thailand	4,714	4,097	5,928	9,500	9,502	33,741	5.83%	7.02%
Romania	3,016	4,037	2,965	4,515	2,588	17,121	2.96%	1.91%
Venezuela	1,336	1,555	653	165	338	4,047	0.70%	0.25%
Poland	2	1	10	12	301	326	0.06%	0.22%
Guatemala	0	0	0	0	89	89	0.02%	0.07%
Brazil	298	87	756	52	43	1,236	0.21%	0.03%
Slovakia	2	0	0	0	37	39	0.01%	0.03%
Czech Republic	0	1	9	0	31	41	0.01%	0.02%
Indonesia	1,152	244	41	58	18	1,513	0.26%	0.01%
Costa Rica	0	3	0	0	8	11	0.00%	0.01%
Turkey	0	1	31	0	7	39	0.01%	0.01%
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	4	4	0.00%	0.00%
Colombia	4	1	0	26	4	35	0.01%	0.00%
Dominica Island	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.00%	0.00%
Bolivia	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.00%	0.00%
Philippines	32	29	80	1	0	142	0.02%	0.00%
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Argentina	2	0	2	0	0	4	0.00%	0.00%
Kenya	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.00%	0.00%
Trin & Tob	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Pakistan	0	0	0	26	0	26	0.00%	0.00%
Lithuania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Jordan	0	6	0	0	0	6	0.00%	0.00%
Bangladesh	0	17	0	0	0	17	0.00%	0.00%
Hungary	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.00%	0.00%
Guyana	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.00%	0.00%
South Africa	528	347	449	189	67	1,580	0.27%	0.05%
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					3,539	26,286		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					2.61%	4.54%		

BAR AND LIGHT SHAPES

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total 1996- 2000	% of total 2000
Total US imports	97,928	114,999	110,765	106,591	150,592	580,875		
India	1,954	747	2,047	2,680	3,776	11,204	1.93%	2.51%
Brazil	314	2,586	1,090	1,355	1,415	6,760	1.16%	0.94%
Trin & Tob	764	1,668	616	1,005	510	4,563	0.79%	0.34%
Poland	290	93	70	27	56	536	0.09%	0.04%
Chile	0	0	0	0	26	26	0.00%	0.02%
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	6	6	0.00%	0.00%
Turkey	0	1	0	0	2	3	0.00%	0.00%
Czech Republic	199	0	0	71	0	270	0.05%	0.00%
Colombia	5	0	0	71	0	76	0.01%	0.00%
Philippines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Thailand	687	0	0	0	0	687	0.12%	0.00%
Indonesia	0	0	0	13	0	13	0.00%	0.00%
Kenya	0	76	0	0	0	76	0.01%	0.00%
Haiti	0	0	0	19	0	19	0.00%	0.00%
South Africa	470	385	18	6	0	879	0.15%	0.00%
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					5,791	25,118		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					3.85%	4.32%		

ROD

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total 1996- 2000	% of total 2000
Total US Imports	60,503	78,264	61,439	65,882	82,344	348,432		
India	0	253	24	634	7,815	8,726	2.50%	9.49%
Brazil	0	0	0	0	2,683	2,683	0.77%	3.26%
Trin & Tob	0	0	1	6	245	252	0.07%	0.30%
Thailand	22	21	0	0	28	71	0.02%	0.03%
Czech Republic	141	0	0	0	0	141	0.04%	0.00%
Poland	175	95	183	0	0	453	0.13%	0.00%
Latvia	0	0	133	0	0	133	0.04%	0.00%
Egypt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
South Africa	0	18	0	0	0	18	0.01%	0.00%
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					273	12,477		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					0.33%	3.58%		

TOOL STEEL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	%of total 1996- 2000	% of total 2000
Total US Imports	63,779	71,633	79,930	81,847	86,550	383,739		
Brazil	2,112	2,524	2,571	3,206	7,335	17,748	4.63%	8.47%
Poland	650	447	524	1,035	790	3,446	0.90%	0.91%
India	64	198	187	122	176	747	0.19%	0.20%
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	18	18	0.00%	0.02%
Venezuela	0	0	0	3	3	6	0.00%	0.00%
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Argentina	0	0	0	44	0	44	0.01%	0.00%
Turkey	2,062	0	0	0	0	2,062	0.54%	0.00%
Philippines	14	0	0	0	0	14	0.00%	0.00%
Czech Republic	468	0	0	23	0	491	0.13%	0.00%
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
South Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					987	6828		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					1.14%	1.78%		

WIRE

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total 1996- 2000	% of total 2000
Total US Imports	27,324	29,910	30,730	24,766	31,340	144,070		
India	349	1,256	1,511	764	2,338	6,218	4.32%	7.46%
Thailand	345	131	206	793	844	2,319	1.61%	2.69%
Turkey	0	22	21	0	61	104	0.07%	0.19%
Brazil	32	2	21	13	47	115	0.08%	0.15%
Czech Republic	0	4	0	27	41	72	0.05%	0.13%
Jordan	0	0	0	1	3	4	0.00%	0.01%
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.00%	0.00%
Argentina	0	2	1	0	0	3	0.00%	0.00%
Colombia	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.00%	0.00%
Lithuania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Mauritius	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Philippines	0	0	2	2	0	4	0.00%	0.00%
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Peru	0	0	0	45	0	45	0.03%	0.00%
Costa Rica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
South Africa	35	0	0	0	10	45	0.03%	0.03%
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					1,006	2,716		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					3.21%	1.89%		

FLANGES AND FITTINGS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996-2000	% of total 1996-2000	% of total 2000
Total US Imports	18,345	22,430	23,768	23,761	31,826	120,130		
India	635	867	1,393	1,024	1,719	5,638	4.69%	5.40%
Philippines	2,375	2,793	2,839	2,295	1,547	11,849	9.86%	4.86%
Thailand	132	339	432	459	817	2,179	1.81%	2.57%
Venezuela	193	84	2	2	392	673	0.56%	1.23%
Romania	66	45	112	96	66	385	0.32%	0.21%
Estonia	0	20	0	0	42	62	0.05%	0.13%
Costa Rica	0	49	69	23	15	156	0.13%	0.05%
Brazil	54	80	72	10	15	231	0.19%	0.05%
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.01%	0.03%
Poland	0	0	6	0	6	12	0.01%	0.02%
Cote d'Ivoire	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.00%	0.01%
Indonesia	60	0	5	14	2	81	0.07%	0.01%
Turkey	0	0	0	4	2	6	0.00%	0.01%
Panama	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.00%	0.00%
Czech Republic	0	7	0	2	1	10	0.01%	0.00%
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Argentina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Swaziland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Mauritius	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Mali	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.00%	0.00%
Kenya	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.00%	0.00%
Gabon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Dominica Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Dominican Republic	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.00%	0.00%
Ecuador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
South Africa	79	196	410	267	377	1,329	1.11%	1.18%
Total imports from DCs with imports under 3%					1,747	5,140		
% of imports from DCs with imports under 3%					5.49%	4.28%		

EXHIBIT 2
IMPORT DATA (IN SHORT TONS)
ALL FLAT PRODUCTS EXCEPT SLAB

ALL FLAT PRODUCTS EXCEPT SLAB

2000

	PLATE	HOT-ROLLED	COLD-ROLLED	COATED	TIN	TOTAL	% of total US imports
Czech	50,837	7	2,330			53,174	0.37%
Thailand	44,717	233,762	9,740	2,123	0	290,342	2.04%
Brazil	24,935	163,461	55,683	22,489	44,809	311,377	2.19%
Bulgaria	16,642	6,551	3,539	0		26,732	0.19%
Hungary	4,089	23,133	3,354	0		30,576	0.22%
Venezuela	3,681	46,126	9,566	16,356	252	75,981	0.53%
India	1,673	825,954	18,957	25,976	1,026	873,586	6.15%
Slovakia	1,669	143,663	346	0	0	145,678	1.02%
Romania	1,576	410,796	562			412,934	2.91%
Poland	1,124	4,408	23,919	0		29,451	0.21%
Argentina	0	118,920	92,268	81,866	23	293,077	2.06%
Peru	0	0		39		39	0.00%
Turkey	0	49,661	37,989	0		87,650	0.62%
Latvia	0	0	0	0		0	0.00%
Lithuania		2,600				2,600	0.02%
Indonesia	0	258,557	4,187	17,455		280,199	1.97%
Chile	0		33,400	0		33,400	0.23%
Philippines		0	0	0		0	0.00%
Krygystan		0				0	0.00%
Dominican Republic		0		268	72	340	0.00%
Egypt		0				0	0.00%
Guatemala		0		4,972		4,972	0.03%
El Salvador		0	0			0	0.00%
Haiti			10			10	0.00%
Trin & Tob			0	0		0	0.00%
Colombia				9,927	0	9,927	0.07%
Tunisia				4,598	11	4,609	0.03%
Costa Rica				436		436	0.00%
Antigua				0	0	0	0.00%
South Africa	4,028	167,846	26,417	49,776		248,067	1.75%
Total US imports	950,768	7,459,644	2,763,774	2,459,329	580,196	14,213,711	
Total imports of DCs under 3%						2,341,571	
% of imports of DCs under 3%						16.47%	

1996-2000

	PLATE	HOT-ROLLED	COLD-ROLLED	COATED	TIN	TOTAL	% of total US imports
Czech	269,541	7,722	16,003			293,266	0.39%
Thailand	77,534	290,449	157,262	2,820	10	528,075	0.70%
Brazil	170,632	1,336,878	928,596	285,795	99,165	2,821,066	3.73%
Bulgaria	77,136	38,335	19,333	25,666		160,470	0.21%
Hungary	21,204	111,105	9,294	86		141,689	0.19%
Venezuela	5,438	476,842	205,902	168,049	3,039	859,270	1.14%
India	312,630	1,429,877	19,191	28,752	1,026	1,791,476	2.37%
Slovakia	11,478	367,142	299,267	5,780	109	683,776	0.90%
Romania	34,575	1,005,869	562			1,041,006	1.38%
Poland	6,150	7,567	80,928	541		95,186	0.13%
Argentina	2	239,634	450,703	198,313	23	888,675	1.18%
Peru	27	68		39		134	0.00%
Turkey	596	131,667	538,316	1,080		671,659	0.89%
Latvia	4,109	50,403	41,507	16,800		112,819	0.15%
Lithuania		62,070	10,222			72,292	0.10%
Indonesia	278,551	582,374	157,988	49,953		1,068,866	1.41%
Chile	59		118,930	33		119,022	0.16%
Philippines		1,532	23,843	17		25,392	0.03%
Krygystan		25				25	0.00%
Dominican Republic		38		280	558	876	0.00%
Egypt		0				0	0.00%
Guatemala		19		9,725		9,744	0.01%
El Salvador		112	196			308	0.00%
Haiti			10			10	0.00%
Trin & Tob			840	178		1,018	0.00%
Colombia				23,242	0	23,242	0.03%
Tunisia				52,190	24	52,214	0.07%
Costa Rica				589		589	0.00%
Antigua				8	7	15	0.00%
South Africa	121,648	487,080	475,749	231,008		1,315,485	1.74%
Total US imports	7,274,910	37,257,831	16,358,199	12,075,476	2,643,155	75,609,571	
Total imports of DCs under 3%						12,777,665	
% of imports of DCs under 3%						16.90%	

EXHIBIT 3
SOUTH AFRICA AND OTHER
WTO MEMBER DEVELOPING
COUNTRY STEEL IMPORTS TO
THE UNITED STATES OF PRODUCTS
SUBJECT TO THE SECTION 201 REMEDY

SOUTH AFRICA AND OTHER WTO MEMBER DEVELOPING COUNTRY STEEL
IMPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO THE 201 REMEDY

PRODUCT	% OF TOTAL U.S. IMPORTS 1996-2000 FROM SOUTH AFRICA	% OF TOTAL IMPORTS FROM DEVLEOPING COUNTRIES WITH IMPORTS UNDER 3% 1996-2000	% OF TOTAL U.S. IMPORTS 2000 FROM SOUTH AFRICA	% OF TOTAL IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH IMPORTS UNDER 3% 2000
Slabs	.38	2.71	.46	2.84
Plate	1.67	6.25	.42	7.29
Hot-Rolled Sheet and Strip	.51	<u>10.36</u>	2.25	<u>9.74</u>
Cold-Rolled Sheet and Strip other than GOES	2.91	<u>12.76</u>	.96	8.32
Corrosion Resistant (Coated)	1.91	<u>9.12</u>	2.02	6.28
Tin Mill Products	0	.18	0	.24
Hot-Rolled Bar and Light Shapes	.39	6.34	1.09	6.96
Cold-Finished Bar	.72	3.24	.66	1.92
Rebar	.16	8.20	.37	5.65
Welded Tubular other than OCTG	.77	6.12	1.38	8.67
Carbon Flanges and Fittings	.27	4.54	.05	2.61
Stainless Bar and Light Shapes	.25	4.32	0	3.85
Stainless Rod	.01	3.58	0	.33
Tool Steel	0	1.78	0	1.14
Wire	.03	1.89	.03	3.21
Stainless Flanges and Fittings	1.11	4.28	1.18	5.49

EXHIBIT 4
DEVELOPING COUNTRY WTO
MEMBERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR GSP

LIST OF WTO MEMBERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR GSP

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Barbados
Belize
Benin
Bolivia
Botswana
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cameroon
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
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Níger
Nigeria
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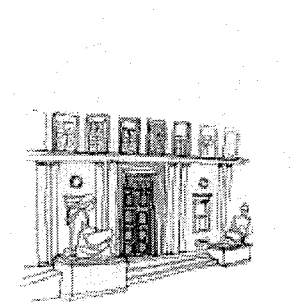
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 Central African Republic 31 May 1995
 Chad 19 October 1996
 Chile 1 January 1995
 China 11 December 2001
 Colombia 30 April 1995
 Congo 27 March 1997
 Costa Rica 1 January 1995
 Côte d'Ivoire 1 January 1995
 Croatia 30 November 2000
 Cuba 20 April 1995
 Cyprus 30 July 1995
 Czech Republic 1 January 1995
 Democratic Republic of the Congo 1 January 1997
 Denmark 1 January 1995
 Djibouti 31 May 1995
 Dominica 1 January 1995

Country Websites:

Countries underlined have websites dealing with trade or issues related to trade

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Dominican Republic 9 March 1995
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Korea, Republic of 1 January 1995
Kuwait 1 January 1995
Kyrgyz Republic 20 December 1998
Latvia 10 February 1999
Lesotho 31 May 1995
Liechtenstein 1 September 1995
Lithuania 31 May 2001
Luxembourg 1 January 1995
Macao, China 1 January 1995
Madagascar 17 November 1995
Malawi 31 May 1995
Malaysia 1 January 1995
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Mongolia 29 January 1997
Morocco 1 January 1995
Mozambique 26 August 1995
Myanmar 1 January 1995

Namibia 1 January 1995
Netherlands – For the Kingdom in Europe and for the Netherlands Antilles 1 January 1995
New Zealand 1 January 1995
Nicaragua 3 September 1995
Niger 13 December 1996
Nigeria 1 January 1995
Norway 1 January 1995
Oman 9 November 2000
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Rwanda 22 May 1996
Saint Kitts and Nevis 21 February 1996
Saint Lucia 1 January 1995
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines 1 January 1995
Senegal 1 January 1995
Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu 1 January 2002
Sierra Leone 23 July 1995
Singapore 1 January 1995
Slovak Republic 1 January 1995
Slovenia 30 July 1995
Solomon Islands 26 July 1996
South Africa 1 January 1995
Spain 1 January 1995
Sri Lanka 1 January 1995
Suriname 1 January 1995
Swaziland 1 January 1995
Sweden 1 January 1995
Switzerland 1 July 1995
Tanzania 1 January 1995
Thailand 1 January 1995
Togo 31 May 1995
Trinidad and Tobago 1 March 1995
Tunisia 29 March 1995
Turkey 26 March 1995
Uganda 1 January 1995
United Arab Emirates 10 April 1996
United Kingdom 1 January 1995
United States of America 1 January 1995
Uruguay 1 January 1995
Venezuela 1 January 1995
Zambia 1 January 1995
Zimbabwe 5 March 1995

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EXHIBIT 6

USTR LIST OF COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR GSP

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4. Products of Countries Designated Beneficiary Developing Countries for Purposes of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).

- (a) The following countries, territories and associations of countries eligible for treatment as one country (pursuant to section 507(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2467(2)) are designated beneficiary developing countries for the purposes of the Generalized System of Preferences, provided for in Title V of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*):

Independent Countries

Albania	Gambia, The	Peru
Angola	Georgia	Philippines
Antigua and Barbuda	Ghana	Poland
Argentina	Grenada	Romania
Armenia	Guatemala	Russia
Bahrain	Guinea	Rwanda
Bangladesh	Guinea-Bissau	St. Kitts and Nevis
Barbados	Guyana	Saint Lucia
Belize	Haiti	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Benin	Honduras	Samoa
Bhutan	Hungary	Sao Tome and Principe
Bolivia	India	Senegal
Bosnia and Hercegovina	Indonesia	Seychelles
Botswana	Jamaica	Sierra Leone
Brazil	Jordan	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	* Slovenia
Burkina Faso	Kenya	Solomon Islands
Burundi	Kiribati	Somalia
Cambodia	Kyrgyzstan	South Africa
Cameroon	Latvia	Sri Lanka
Cape Verde	Lebanon	Suriname
Central African Republic	Lesotho	Swaziland
Chad	Lithuania	Tanzania
Chile	Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	Thailand
Colombia	Madagascar	Togo
Comoros	Malawi	Tonga
Congo (Brazzaville)	Mali	Trinidad and Tobago
Congo (Kinshasa)	* Malta	Tunisia
Costa Rica	Mauritania	Turkey
Cote d'Ivoire	Mauritius	Tuvalu
Croatia	Moldova	Uganda
Czech Republic	Mongolia	Uruguay
Djibouti	Morocco	Uzbekistan
Dominica	Mozambique	Vanuatu
Dominican Republic	Namibia	Venezuela
Ecuador	Nepal	Republic of
Egypt	Niger	Yemen
El Salvador	Nigeria	Zambia
Equatorial Guinea	Oman	Zimbabwe
Eritrea	Pakistan	
Estonia	Panama	
Ethiopia	Papua New Guinea	
Fiji		

Gabon

Paraguay

NOTES:

- * **Malta** graduated from GSP effective January 1, 2002.
- * **Slovenia** graduated from GSP effective January 1, 2002.

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Non-Independent Countries and Territories

Anguilla	* French Polynesia	Saint Helena
British Indian Ocean Territory	Gibraltar	Tokelau
	Heard Island and	Turks and Caicos Islands
Christmas Island (Australia)	McDonald Islands	Virgin Islands, British
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	Montserrat	Wallis and Futuna
Cook Islands	* New Caledonia	West Bank and Gaza Strip
Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)	Niue	Western Sahara
	Norfolk Island	
	Pitcairn Islands	

Associations of Countries (treated as one country)

<u>Member Countries of the Cartagena Agreement (Andean Group)</u>	<u>Member Countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)</u>	<u>Member Countries of the Caribbean Common Market (CARICOM) except The Bahamas</u>
Consisting of:	Currently qualifying:	Consisting of:
Bolivia	Cambodia	Antigua and Barbuda
Colombia	Indonesia	Barbados
Ecuador	Philippines	Belize
Peru	Thailand	Dominica
Venezuela		Grenada
		Guyana
		Jamaica
		Montserrat
		St. Kitts and Nevis
		Saint Lucia
		Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
		Trinidad and Tobago
<u>Member Countries of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)</u>	<u>Member Countries of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)</u>	
Consisting of:	Currently qualifying:	
Benin	Botswana	
Burkina Faso	Mauritius	
Cote d'Ivoire	Tanzania	

Guinea-Bissau
Mali
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Togo

NOTES:

- * **French Polynesia** graduated from GSP effective January 1, 2002.
- * **New Caledonia** graduated from GSP effective January 1, 2002.

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- (b) (i) The following beneficiary countries are designated as least-developed beneficiary developing countries pursuant to section 502(a)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended:

Angola	Congo (Kinshasa)	Malawi	Sierra Leone
Bangladesh	Djibouti	Mali	Somalia
Benin	Equatorial Guinea	Mauritania	Tanzania
Bhutan	Ethiopia	Mozambique	Togo
Burkina Faso	Gambia, The	Nepal	Tuvalu
Burundi	Guinea	Niger	Uganda
Cambodia	Guinea-Bissau	Rwanda	Vanuatu
Cape Verde	Haiti	Samoa	Republic of
Central African	Kiribati	Sao Tome and	Yemen
Republic	Lesotho	Principe	Zambia
Chad	Madagascar		
Comoros			

Whenever an eligible article which is the growth, product or manufacture of one of the countries designated as a least-developed beneficiary developing country is imported into the customs territory of the United States directly from such country, such article shall be entitled to receive the duty-free treatment provided for in subdivision (c) of this note without regard to the limitations on preferential treatment of eligible articles in section 503(c)(2)(A) of the Trade Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2463 (c)(2)(A)).

- (ii) Articles provided for in a provision for which a rate of duty “Free” appears in the “Special” subcolumn followed by the symbol “A+” in parentheses are those designated by the President to be eligible articles for purposes of the GSP pursuant to section 503(a)(1)(B) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. The symbol “A+” indicates that all least-developed beneficiary countries are eligible for preferential treatment with respect to all articles provided for in the designated provisions. Whenever an eligible article which is the growth, product, or manufacture of a designated least-developed developing country listed in subdivision (b)(i) of this note is imported into the customs territory of the United States directly from such country, such article shall be eligible for duty-free treatment as set forth in the “Special” subcolumn; provided that, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Treasury the sum of (1) the cost or value of the materials produced in the least-developed beneficiary developing country or 2 or more countries which are members of the same association of countries which is treated as one country under section 507(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, plus (2) the direct costs of processing operations performed in such least-developed beneficiary developing country or such members countries, is not less than 35 percent of the appraised

value of such article at the time of its entry into the customs territory of the United States. No article or material of a least-developed beneficiary developing country shall be eligible for such treatment by virtue of having merely undergone simple combining or packing operations, or mere dilution with water or mere dilution with another substance that does not materially alter the characteristics of the article.

- (c) Articles provided for in a provision for which a rate of duty of “Free” appears in the “Special” subcolumn followed by the symbols “A” or “A*” in parentheses are those designated by the President to be eligible articles for purposes of the GSP pursuant to section 503 of the Trade Act of 1974. The following articles may not be designated as an eligible article for purposes of the GSP:
- (i) textile and apparel articles which are subject to textile agreements;

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- (ii) watches, except as determined by the President pursuant to section 503(c)(1)(B) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended;
- (iii) import-sensitive electronic articles;
- (iv) import-sensitive steel articles;
- (v) footwear, handbags, luggage, flat goods, work gloves and leather wearing apparel, the foregoing which were not eligible articles for purposes of the GSP on April 1, 1984;
- (vi) import-sensitive semimanufactured and manufactured glass products;
- (vii) any agricultural product of chapters 2 through 52, inclusive, that is subject to a tariff-rate quota, if entered in a quantity in excess of the in-quota quantity for such product; and
- (viii) any other articles which the President determines to be import-sensitive in the context of the GSP.

The symbol “A” indicates that all beneficiary developing countries are eligible for preferential treatment with respect to all articles provided for in the designated provision. The symbol “A*” indicates that certain beneficiary developing countries, specifically enumerated in subdivision (d) of this note, are not eligible for such preferential treatment with regard to any article provided for in the designated provision. Whenever an eligible article which is the growth, product, or manufacture of a designated beneficiary developing country listed in subdivision (a) of this note is imported into the customs territory of the United States directly from such country or territory, such article shall be eligible for duty-free treatment as set forth in the “Special” subcolumn, unless excluded from such treatment by subdivision (d) of this note; provided that, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Treasury the sum of (1) the cost or value of the materials produced in the beneficiary developing country or any 2 or more countries which are members of the same association of countries which is treated as one country under section 507(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, plus (2) the direct costs of processing operations performed in such beneficiary developing country or such member countries is not less than 35 percent of the appraised value of such article at the time of its entry into the customs territory of the United States. No article or material of a beneficiary developing country shall be eligible for such treatment by virtue of having merely undergone simple combining or packing operations, or mere dilution with water or mere

dilution with another substance that does not materially alter the characteristics of the article.

[See Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States for continuation of GN 4, subdivision (d)]